



## THE GOORA GAZETTE



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# Term 3 2019

W	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<b>8</b>	9 September Ms Lacey returns from leave	10 September	11 September STEM 4 TEN 3-6 Yr 5 Taster Day - Peel HS	12 September	13 September Mr Mills - 9am - 10.30am	14 Sept	15 Sept
<b>9</b>	16 September	17 September	18 September STEM 4 TEN 3-6	19 September	20 September	21 Sept	22 Sept
<b>10</b>	23 September STEM 4 TEN 3-6	24 September	25 September	26 September	27 September Assembly 9.45am Jump Rope for Heart	28 Sept	29 Sept
<b>1</b>	<b>Term 4</b> 14 October <b>Students return</b>	15 October	16 October	17 October	18 October	19 October	20 October
<b>2</b>	21 October	22 October	23 October	24 October	25 October World Teacher's Day	26 October	27 October
<b>3</b>	28 October	29 October	30 October	31 October	1 September	2 September	3 September
<b>4</b>	4 September	5 September	6 September	7 September	8 September	9 September	10 September

# Ms Lacey's Message.....

Welcome to Week 8. Another busy two weeks have past us by. This week we welcome Ms Lacey back from leave. We hope she has had a lovely break and has enjoyed her adventures around the land of the long white cloud.

I'd like to thank Mrs Pollard for her hard work over the past two weeks. I know that the students in the Pelicans and Kookaburra classes have enjoyed having her as their teacher.

The weather is warming up and I like to remind parents that students need to bring a water bottle to school. Students are allowed to bring them into class during lessons to help stay hydrated.

Cordial or juice are not permitted in their water bottle as they are both high in sugar and additives. Teachers do notice a dramatic difference in behaviour and concentration levels when students consume these drinks. However, students may have a juice popper or similar as a supplementary lunchtime treat.

For further information regarding healthy food habits, please refer to the following websites:

[www.goodforkids.nsw.gov.au](http://www.goodforkids.nsw.gov.au)

[www.healthylunchbox.com.au](http://www.healthylunchbox.com.au)

[www.healthykids.nsw.gov.au](http://www.healthykids.nsw.gov.au)

*Hannah Warden*

Relieving Principal



## Behaviour of the Week Focus

I try my best and allow others to do the same.

## Growth Mindset Positive Affirmation of the Week

If you can imagine it, you can achieve it.

I am learning  
to step out  
of my  
comfort zone  
without fear.

 MakeAVisionBoard.com





# Noticeboard

## Wii wiima-li School Holiday Program

The Wii wiima-li School Holiday Program is a free program of holiday activities to be held at Trelawney Station.

For Registration forms or more information please contact the Tamworth Local Aboriginal Land Council on 6766 9028 or [admin@tamworthlalc.com.au](mailto:admin@tamworthlalc.com.au)

You can also pick up a registration form from Miss McNiven at the front office.

**Registration closes 26th September 2019.**

## Kitchen/Garden

Students participate in Kitchen/Garden lessons each week. The cost of this is \$10 per term, per child. This assists us with buying ingredients and equipment to be able to facilitate these lessons. Money can be paid to Miss McNiven in the office. Thank you.



## Book Club

The latest Book Club catalogue went home with the last newsletter. If you would like to purchase any items from the catalogue please complete the order form on the back page and return it to the school with the correct amount of cash or cheque by

**Wednesday, 11th September.**

Alternatively orders may be placed online at [www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP](http://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP)

Book Club benefits Somerton Public School as every Book Club order placed earns us 20% (10% for home deliveries) of the order spend in rewards enabling us to purchase valuable education resources.

## Friday Lunches \$4.00

Students may purchase lunch each Friday for \$3. For an extra \$1 they can order a dessert and a popper. We will let you know by Thursday what the week's menu will be and thank you to the wonderful parents who have cooked for the students so far.





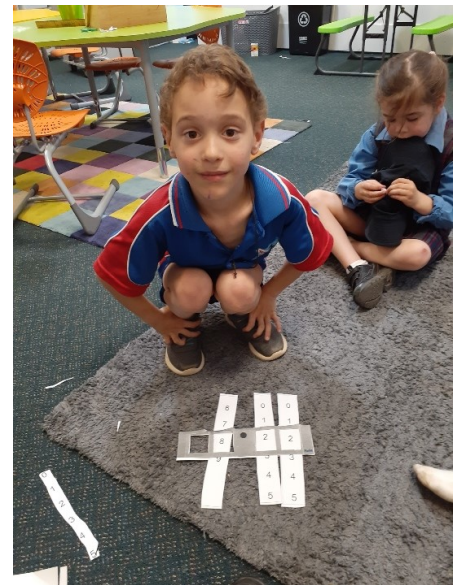
# From the classrooms....

## Pelicans

We have had a very productive week in the Pelican class. Our dreamtime stories have been progressing and we now know about lots of Australian animals, indigenous communities and their homes. We made a special "story pictures" using bits and pieces of the natural environment around the school. Our stories were about where we live and our place at Somerton School.

We have also been learning a lot about time. We visited the Sundial made by the Kookaburras and made our own clock faces. We have played "What's the time, Mr Wolf" and enjoyed learning about digital and analogue clocks and reading the half and quarter hour positions on the long hand of the clock.

In science we have been mixing. Not only did we mix cornflour, water and detergent during our science lesson, but we also made multi-coloured play dough. We had a lot of fun using the play dough to make creative pictures.



# From the classrooms....

## Kookaburras

The past two weeks have flown by once again in the Kookaburra class. The Kookaburras have been lucky enough to have Mrs Pollard on Thursdays and Fridays. Mrs Pollard and the class had lots of fun doing drama based activities around the picture books that we have been reading. Last Thursday the students used playdough to make a new character to join 'The Lizard Gang' and then used their model to tell a story.

In maths students have been learning about time. On Thursday Mrs Pollard taught the students how the sun moves through the day and how it can be used to tell the time on a sundial. Who would have thought time could be so exciting!

I would like to encourage parents to continue the teaching of time at home and incidentally when opportunities arise.





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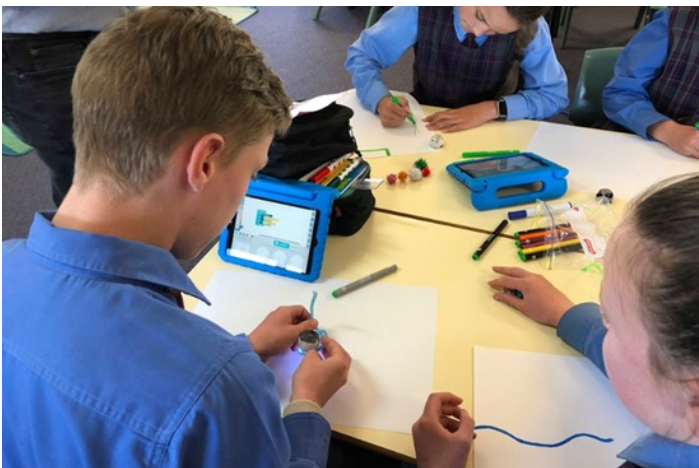
## Eagles

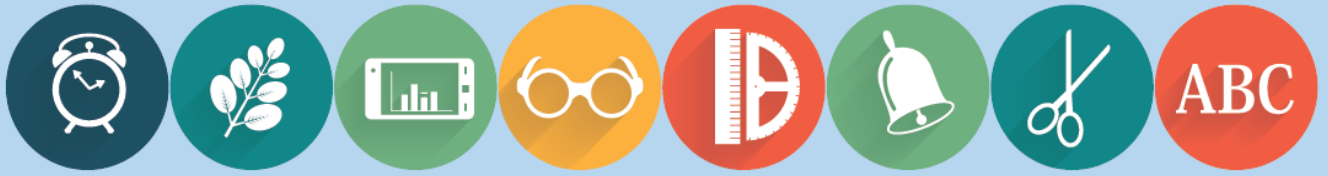
Wow! Welcome to Week 8. Term 3 is absolutely flying past us.

During STEM4TEN Stage 3 had the opportunity to use the iPads and apply their coding skills to the BeeBots. Stage 2 learnt about the effects pollution has on the wildlife in the ocean, creating a coding course for the BeeBots to go along collecting rubbish out of the ocean. Mr. D is very passionate about saving the Dugongs!

As part of our literacy students have been focusing on Aboriginal and Indigenous culture in Australia, and the effects colonisation has had on the traditional custodians of the land. In particular, students have enjoyed reading 'Stories for Simon' written by Lisa Sarzin. The story follows a young boy, Simon, who learns the importance of Sorry Day and how the coming together of two cultures can form a beautiful friendship. Students created their own Sorry Stones just like Simon had dreamt about.

Good luck to those from the Eagles classroom heading to Regional Athletics on Friday!





### Zone Athletics Carnival

On Friday 30th August, 8 of our students competed at the Zone Athletics Carnival at Tamworth. Congratulations to all the students on their efforts and sportsmanship on the day.

Well done to the following students who came a place in their event and we wish Braxton and the relay team the very best of luck when they compete at the Regional Athletics Carnival on Friday 13th September.

Braxton 2nd 8yrs 100m Final

Jye 3rd Junior Boys High jump

Ariella 4th 11yrs Shotput

Braxton, Jye, Ryan and Ariella—3rd Nigel Bagley Small Schools Relay



### Tennis Competition Champion

Earlier this term The Eagles competed in the Tennis Academy Hot Shot competition run by our tennis coach Craig Louis. Students competed in a round robin style competition, displaying the skills that they have learnt and been practising during sport on Friday mornings.

Well done to all students who competed and tried their best.

Congratulations to Max for winning the competition and to Jye for coming runner-up.







## Lunch with the Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia

On Saturday 31st August I had the honour of meeting with His Excellency the Honourable David Hurley and his wife, Her Excellency Mrs Linda Hurley, whilst they were in Tamworth conducting tours of the area and officially opening the Tamworth Show.

Somerton PS was chosen to send a DoE representative to meet and have lunch with his excellency to discuss the effects that the drought is currently having on our small school and others in the area. It was a great privilege to be invited and it was so lovely to be able to promote our little school and the great things we are doing in our community.



## New Soft Fall

The staff and students would like to say a huge thank you to Lieanna and Wes Kneipp and; Karen and Jordan Henry for arranging the donation of and the installation of the new soft fall around our play equipment.

The students are enjoying playing on the equipment once again!



## Fire Drill

On Friday we conducted a fire drill to ensure that staff and students know what to do in case of an emergency. Students calmly followed directions to evacuate the school and assemble on the cricket pitch on the recreation area next to the school.





## P and C

Welcome to Spring from the Somerton P&C. Things have been pretty busy lately with some great new members jumping on board to get us going.

- We enjoyed super-yummy treats and made an excellent profit during the Pie Drive. So, a huge thank you to Leianna Kneipp.
- The soft-fall has been replaced under the play equipment with all the labour, machinery and products donated! The Henrys and the Kneipps put in a massive effort so an extra big thank you to you!
- We sold very funky socks for Father's Day, thank you Drue.

We have a number of projects that we're working toward and we're always supporting the school in every way we can.

Every week the P&C coordinate lunch orders on Friday. Recently there has been a price change so we can cover costs. This term we are rotating between Fried Rice and Spaghetti Bolognaise for \$3 with a popper and biscuit/jelly for an extra \$1. We are always grateful of any parents who can help with cooking or serving so that we can keep providing healthy lunches for our kids.

On October 26th we are planning a special evening out for parents, staff and anyone in the community who would like to join us. It's a Prawn and Chicken Night to be held at the Somerton Hall. Cost will be \$30, which will cover the meal and entertainment. We will start selling tickets in the next week or two. Get in quick because there are limited seats.

## P and C continued.....

Finally, our next meeting will be next Tuesday, 17th September at 4pm. Please come and join us, even if you've never been before.

Hannah Pollard,  
President

## Jump Rope for Heart

Somerton Public School is participating in Jump Rope for Heart and we're raising funds for vital heart research for the Heart Foundation.

Our jump off day will be held on 27/09/2019. The whole school will come together to celebrate and put on some great skipping displays.

As a way to raise funds, students are invited to bring an item/s of red clothing to get changed into AFTER our Special Assembly along with a gold coin donation. Parents are welcome to come along to watch or even show us your fantastic skipping skills.

Thank you for supporting the Jump Rope for Heart program!

Heart Foundation  
*Jump Rope for Heart*



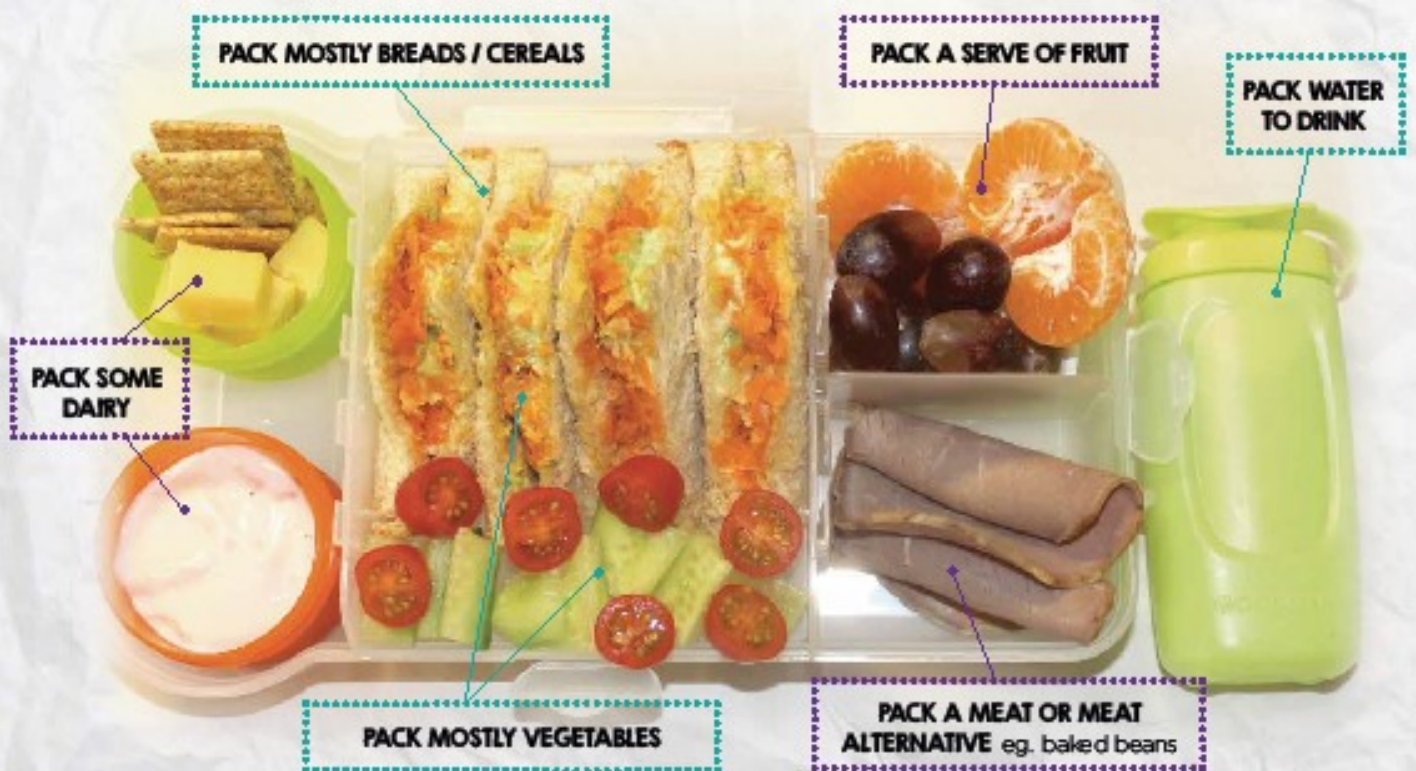


# Pack your child a **HEALTHY LUNCH BOX**

Choose a variety of foods from each food group



## EVERYDAY FOOD FOR THE LUNCHBOX: GETTING THE BALANCE RIGHT





# Wii wiima-li SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM **FREE**

Arts & Crafts, Cooking & Baking, Ten Pin Bowling, Movies,  
Games, Sport, Fishing, Cultural Activities, Amazing Race,  
Campfire with Marshmallows & Damper!



## Pickup Locations.

Oxley Vale Public School  
Tamworth Train Station  
Hillvue Public School  
Coledale Community Centre  
Westdale Public School

For Registration forms or more  
information contact

Tamworth Local Aboriginal Land  
Council on 02 6766 9028 or  
[admin@tamworthlalc.com.au](mailto:admin@tamworthlalc.com.au)

Registrations close:



# SRC

## 5 cent challenge



The SRC 5 cent challenge is up and running and will continue until the end of Week 8 in Term 4. Each class has a jar in which they are working towards filling up with 5 cent pieces. At the end of the challenge the class with the most 5 cent pieces will be awarded with a class party. Let's get collecting!

The SRC will be putting the money raised towards buying a new lectern to be used at assemblies and presentation night.

### Tuesday SRC Fundraiser

At afternoon tea each **Tuesday** the SRC will be selling warm Milos served with marshmallows or a choc chip biscuit.

The SRC are currently working towards purchasing a new lectern with the school emblem on it.

Please place your order with Miss Warden before school on TUESDAY.

Warm Milo	\$1
Marshmallows	50c
Choc Chip biscuit	50c





# COMMUNITY CLASSIFIEDS

## Somerton Hotel

Come join us for the Friday night  
weekly raffle at 7:30pm.  
We look forward to seeing you there!  
Ph: 6769 7683

## Somerton CWA

The CWA meet on the second Tuesday of  
each month.

All interested ladies are welcome.

Please contact:

Carol Bank (President) 6760 6250 or

Judi Swain (Secretary) 6743 1701 for more information.



TAMWORTH CITY



## REGISTRATION DAY

Sunday 22 September 2019,  
11am to 1pm

West Diggers, Kable Ave

secretary@tcsc.org.au

## SQUADS AND TRAINING TIMES

Members will be allocated to a squad after  
assessment and registration.

**Developing Swimmers** - Training sessions  
every afternoon Monday – Friday from 3.30pm.

**Performance Swimmers** - Up to 11 training  
sessions per week on offer including strength  
and conditioning. Coach will recommend the  
training schedule and frequency at this level.

## ADULT FITNESS

Adults who want to improve their technique  
and fitness, have fun and be part of a team.  
All abilities welcome

## Club Nights

Club night is an optional activity where  
swimmers compete in a friendly,  
informal environment. The emphasis is  
on participation, personal improvements  
and to have fun with friends. A BBQ run  
by the club ensures dinner is covered!

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## About

### Tamworth City Swimming Club

TCSC is a family oriented swimming club that focuses  
on the development of our swimmer while promoting  
healthy exercise, water safety and fun. We are proud  
to develop and encourage a love for swimming  
regardless of age and ability.

We are committed to the values of consistency, skills  
and unity. Tamworth City Swimming Club enjoys the  
services of our permanent accredited professional  
coach, Mr Nicolas Monet.

We love seeing the results of our swimmers hard  
work. 2019 saw Tamworth City Swimming Club  
represented at Country, State and National titles,  
bringing home a combined 20 top ten finishes, 1 Gold,  
3 silver and 2 bronze medals. Tamworth City boasts  
32 NENW Age Champions and currently hold 23 New

England North West area records; 4 NSW Country  
records and 1 NSW record and 2020 is set to be  
Bigger than ever!

## SQUAD ASSESSMENTS

Please contact the coach,  
Nicolas Monet, on 0434 805 957 to book a time.

## FEE STRUCTURE

The Summer Season starts  
14th October 2019 until April 2020,  
Including school holidays

1st swimmer  
\$385

(Includes Family membership to  
Tamworth City Swimming Club)

2ND swimmer  
\$300

3RD swimmer  
\$275

4TH swimmer  
\$250

